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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "System and Method for Ameliorating Subcontracting Risk," the specification of which was filed on October 12, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/977,013 and was amended on _____ (if applicable). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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